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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL MISSILE PURCHASE BY GOT

REF: TUNIS 0088 DTG 061103Z JAN 78

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THAT
EMBASSY BRING UP THE MIM-72D CHAPARRAL MODEL AS AN OPTION
FOR TUNISIA. DEFENSE CANNOT, AT THIS TIME, DEVELOP
DETAILED ESTIMATED PRICE AND AVAILABILITY INFO; HOWEVER,
D MODEL COULD COST UP TO \$80-90,000 PER MISSILE AND WOULD
NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL FY 81 AT THE EARLIEST. THERE NO
LONGER IS AN ONGOING D MODEL PROGRAM, AND THE PROGRAM TO
MODIFY MISSILES TO D CONFIGURATION WOULD HAVE TO BE RESUMED.
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THEREFORE, BOTH COST AND AVAILABILITY WOULD BE CONTINGENT
ON SUCH UNCERTAIN FACTORS AS DATES ON WHICH COUNTRY
REQUEST SUBMITTED AND APPROVED AS WELL AS ON NUMBER OF D
TYPE MISSILES ORDERED.

2. FYI. AS FURTHER BACKGROUND, THE SO CALLED D MODEL WAS
THE RESULT OF A ONE-TIME MODIFICATION OF A NUMBER OF

A MISSILES FOR ONE SPECIFIC SALE. IT DID NOT INCLUDE THE
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY GUIDANCE SYSTEM IN THE IMPROVED
CHAPARRAL - C MODEL - BUT DID INCLUDE THE C MODEL WARHEAD
AND FUZE WHICH RESULTED IN A MODEST IMPROVEMENT IN ITS

LETHALITY. END FYI.

3. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE D MODEL OFFERS ENOUGH
IMPROVEMENT OVER THE A TO TAX TUNISIA'S LIMITED RESOURCES
WITH PROSPECT OF PROCURING A D MODEL AT SIGNIFICANTLY
HIGHER COSTS THAN CURRENT ESTIMATED PRICE FOR A MODEL OF
\$55,903 PER MISSILE. CHRISTOPHER

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